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SUBJ: AFGHAN COUP AND CENTO

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1. CENTO SYG ASSAR CALLED ON ME JULY 18 TO DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS FOR CENTO OF AFGHAN COUP. HE BELIEVED IT NECESSARY THAT, FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS REASONS, HE BE ABLE TO SAY THAT CENTO WAS TAKING AN INTEREST IN AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTS, IF ASKED BY THE PRESS.
2. I ADVISED CAUTION AND SUGGESTED THAT, IF ASKED, HE CONFINE HIMSELF TO STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN WITH INTEREST.
3. A REGULAR COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JULY 23. ASSAR WANTS TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES WITH ME (AND PERHAPS CERTAIN OTHER OF THE DEPUTIES) MONDAY, JUST BEFORE MEETING, TO DISCUSS WHAT CENTO SHOULD SAY OR DO ABOUT AFGHANISTAN. ASSAR BELIEVES THAT, AS A COUNTRY LYING BETWEEN TWO CENTO MEMBERS, AFGHANISTAN DESERVES SOME CENTO EXAMINATION. ASSAR, AS A PERSIAN, PROBABLY WILL BE MUCH INFLUENCED BY WHATEVER THE SHAH'S ATTITUDE MAY BE ON AFGHAN COUP.
4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE BEFORE MONDAY MEETING.

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